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SUBJECT: EC PRESIDENT JENKINS ON EC ENLARGEMENT AND
CANDIDATE STATES

1. DURING LUNCH JUNE 20 WITH EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT
JENKINS AND GENERAL HAIG, JENKINS DISCUSSED OUTLOOK FOR
EC ENLARGEMENT AND SITUATION IN CANDIDATE STATES. HIGH-
LIGHTS FOLLOW.

2. JENKINS BELIEVES THAT, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER EC
EXPANSION TO INCLUDE GREECE, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL IS DESIR-
ABLE OR NOT, IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT, BY MID-80'S,
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EC WILL BE 12 RATHER THAN 9. IN ANY CASE, THAT OUGHT TO
BE THE WORKING HYPOTHESIS FOR ANY FUTURE PLANNING.

3. PORTUGAL. COMMISSION AND, HE BELIEVES, MEMBER STATES
UNDERSTAND SERIOUS STAKE EUROPE AND ALLIANCE HAVE IN
KEEPING PORTUGUESE ECONOMY AFLOAT DURING COMING YEAR, BUT
THERE IS LITTLE OR NOTHING EC AS SUCH CAN OFFER (APART

FROM BILATERAL AID FROM MEMBER STATES) IN FORM OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS-TYPE ASSISTANCE IN SHORT RUN. HOWEVER, ONCE CURRENT STAGE HAS PASSED, AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR PORTUGAL'S ACCESSION ARE UNDERWAY, THE NEXT PHASE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL, HE SAYS, HAVE TO BE MAINLY AN EC RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMISSION WILL MAKE PROPOSALS TO THAT END.

4. SPAIN. JENKINS BELIEVES THAT NATO AND EC SHOULD MOVE MORE OR LESS IN TANDEM AS REGARDS JUDGMENT THAT SPAIN MEETS CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN EITHER INSTITUTION, BUT THAT NEITHER ORGANIZATION SHOULD TRY TO FORCE THE PACE AT WHICH SPAIN ITSELF CHOOSES TO MOVE. IN ADDITION, WESTERN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT WHICH INSTITUTION SPAIN SHOULD APPLY TO, OR JOIN, FIRST. IN FACT, JENKINS SEES SOME ADVANTAGES TO SPAIN JOINING NATO BEFORE MOVING TOWARD EC, SINCE LATTER WILL INEVITABLY ENGAGE MEMBER STATES WITH VERY DIFFICULT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT WOULD MAKE EARLY FAVORABLE DECISION HARD TO TAKE (ESPECIALLY IN FRANCE BEFORE 1978 ELECTIONS). AT ONE POINT, JENKINS IMPLIED THAT MITTERRAND WAS OPPOSED TO SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN EC, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

5. TURKEY. HARD TO SAY WHAT ATTITUDE OF NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT TOWARD EC WOULD BE, BUT JENKINS DOUBTS IT WOULD APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ANY REASONABLE FUTURE TIMEFRAME, EVEN AS A CALCULATED PLOY TO "SPOIL" GREEK APPLICATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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IF EC WOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO BEEF UP THE CONTENT OF CURRENT ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENT WITH TURKEY, HE FELT TURKEY WOULD BE SATISFIED, BUT AGREED THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER ASSURANCES THAT GREEK MEMBERSHIP WOULD NOT PREJUDICE EC AGAINST IT. IN FACT, HE SAID, GREEN MEMBERSHIP COULD WORK TO TURKEY'S ADVANTAGE SINCE GREECE MIGHT BECOME MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO PRESSURES OF ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO SEEK ACCOMMODATION WITH TURKEY. HINTON

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